Dhárwár

Mail robbery in Savanúr.

No. 4631.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 9th July 1888.

Letter from the Post Master General, Bombay, No. 36, dated 11th June 1888—Submitting, in continuation of his letter No. 31, dated 28th May, addressed to Government in the Financial Department, a further report on the subject of the highway robbery of the mail near Savanúr in the Dhárwár District on the 25th May 1888. Stating that the total loss amounts to Rs. 44-6-0, that the case has been reported to the Political Agent and District Magistrate, Dhárwár, but no information has yet been received of the arrest of the robbers or of the recovery of the missing money and parcel, and that the runner has been sent to the Haveri hospital for medical treatment. Adding that the necessary claims for compensation under the Government of India rules regarding highway robberies in Native States will be preferred to the Political Agent, Dhárwár, when further information is received.

Letter from the Acting Collector and Political Agent, Dhárwár, No. 2365, dated 9th June 1888—Reporting an attack by highway robbers on the mail for Sirsi despatched from the Yeláwagi Post Office on the 25th May 1888, with a total loss of articles valued at Rs. 44-6-0. Stating that, as the robbery has taken place in the Nawab of Savanúr's territory, he has called upon him to make good the loss, unless he can show extenuating circumstances, and to arrange for the safety of the mails by sending a savár with the runner for some days, and that he has also asked the Nawab Saheb to make the necessary enquiry, the result of which will be communicated to Government in due course.

Endorsement by the Commissioner, S. D., No. POL.-145, dated 18th June 1888—Forwarding the above, with his remarks.

RESOLUTION.—The Financial Department should be asked to transfer to this Department the Post Master General's letter No. 31, dated the 28th May last.

2. The further communication promised by the Collector and Political Agent, Dhárwár, in his letter No. 2365, dated June 9th, should be awaited.

W. LEE-WARNER,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector and Political Agent, Dhárwár,
The Post Master General, Bombay,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat.

No 2964 of 1888

From,

J. K. Spence Esquire
Ag Collector and Political
Agent, Dharwar

To,

The Nawab Saheb of
Savanur

Dharwar 14 July 1888

Sir,

In forwarding for your information a copy of Government Resolution No 4631 dated 9th instant, Political Department, I have the honor to request that you will report at an early date the result of the enquiry in connection with the late mail robbery case as promised in the last para of your letter No

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18 dated 13th ultimo.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
J W Shinn
Ag Collector and
Political Agent

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No. 1 of 1888/89,

Savanur Nawabsaheb's Offe

8th August 1888,

From,

The Nawabsaheb.

Savanur,

To,

The Acting Collector and Political Agent

Dharwar.

Sir,

With reference to your letters No. 2381 a

2961 of 1888, I have the honor to give you a

detailed account of the occurrence of the mail robb

within the territory of this State, on 25th May 18

The mail for Sirsi despatched from the Jal

post office was attacked by robbers on 25th M

1888 at about 9 P.M. The place of attack was

at the bridge on the Nalla which is about le

miles from, and within the territory of, Savan

The runner Wasoo bin Jotiba, carrying the

mail was attacked and beaten by robbers.

my orders, he was, the next day sent to Ha

dispensary for medical treatment, at the expense of the State. The charges for his carriage and maintenance amount to Rupees 12. He is now restored to health and is strong enough to join his duty.

The runner Wadoo, who was grievously hurt was brought to Sawanur Chouri at about 10 P.M. on that day. I was apprized of the occurrence of the robbery, the very moment. Immediately after my Diwan went to chouri and reduced the statement of the runner to writing. He says that 3 thieves came at once from the Nalla and severely beat him with twigs, that he fell there insensible for about an hour, that after recovering his senses he found, the mail bag was taken away by them, that he then walked slowly towards Sawanur upto Moti-tank and that when he fell there, the servants of Chanbasappa Narnapur took him to the Chouri Sawars and the police were at once sent to the scene of attack in search of the missing mail bag and the robbers. They searched the bag abtd the robbers at night but could not find any.

The next day early in the morning, I personally went to the place of offence, with the Police and caused to search the missing bag. Almost all the articles excepting the following were found in the neighbouring fields, in my presence.

The value of the property found amounts to Rupees 33 & 12 annas

One ordinary parcel which contained 3 Saries valued at rupees 42 - 12 - 0 and 3 annas in cash from the Savanur mail bag and 8 annas in cash from the Bankapur mail bag and the postage labels of the value of 11 annas and an empty bag of the value of 2 annas have been taken away by thieves. The total loss amounts, in this way, to rupees 44 and 4 annas.

The Head Constable of this state searched the houses of Waddars and Lamanees and of some other men of suspicious character, residing at Jalagi and Badni Lalotia Bankapur and at Beeranhalli Lalotia Karjagi but ~~found not~~ any found no missing article. The houses of some men ~~of suspicious~~ known bad character residing at Savanur

were also searched but with the same result.

The robbers have not yet been detected. The Police are still attempting to bring them to justice.

The mail routes passing through the territory of this State are as follows.

The First route from Sawanur to Bankapur, the Second from Sawanur to Shiggon and the Third from Sawanur to Yalvigi. It has been the custom of this State to send every evening a Constable to each of these routes up to the frontier of the State, for protection. A Constable went on 25th May to the route No 3 as usual, up to the place where the frontier of the State and that of Allepur Lalukia Shiggon joind and returned home at about 7 P. M.

The Postmaster at Yalvigi writes, in the daily challan, to have despatched the mail at 9 P. M. The distance between Yalvigi and Sawanur is 7 miles. A runner requires about 2 hours, to come down to Sawanur from Yalvigi. The runner Wadoo was brought to Shouri at 10 P. M. — He says that he fell on the scene of attack, insensible, for about an hour. He must have walked for more

than half an hour to reach Sawanur, from the ~~the~~ place of offence. From this it is clear that Wadoo came to the scene of attack before 8½ P.M. He might have taken about 1½ hours & a half to come to the place of offence from Jalugi. Hence, it is clear that the Post-master Jalugi despatched the mail before 7 P.M. As Friday the 25th May was the market day of Sawanur men of bad character residing at Jalugi Bennihalli etc might have come to the market and on their way home they found an opportunity to commit this offence. Had it not been for the Post-master at Jalugi to send the mail earlier than the fixed time, the robbery would have hardly taken place. The negligence on the part of the Jalugi Post-Master led to the occurrence of the robbery.

Besides this, Wadoo runner states in his deposition before the Head Constable, after returning from Hanneri, that Kotappa Kurubar a runner at Jalugi is, at bitter enmity with him on the

suspicion that he (Wasu) was in company with his (Kolappa's) wife and that as Mardan who is also a runner, is an intimate friend of Kolappa, he also has ceased to speak with him for the same reason and that these two men in collusion with one mussulman Ali Jalagi (whom he recognized to a certain extent, at night, from the red clothes he wore) might have committed the offence. The houses of these men were also searched but no missing articles were found. From his statement, it may well be presumed that the robbery was committed by the runners of the Post office or by some other robbers in collusion with the runners.

As the description of the missing diaries was not available in time, to the Police, it has become difficult for them to detect the robbers and the missing articles.

In your letters under reference, you have asked me to make good the loss which amounts to Rupees 44-6-0 unless the existence of extenuating circumstances is shown.

Under the circumstances stated above, I hope

You will be easily convinced that the Police arrangements are efficient with regard to the protection of the mail parcels passing through the territory of this State and that the State has displayed zeal and energy in attempting to bring the robbers to justice. From the statement of Wadoo runner you will also consider, I hope, that the robbery might have been committed by the runners of the Jalvgi post office or with their complicity or that it was committed owing to the negligence of the Post masters. As the twig, with which the runner was beaten and which was found on the spot of offence stained with blood, seems to have been plucked from a tree standing on the way to Jalvgi the presumption arises that robbers belong to Jalvgi or to any other village situate in that direction and that they do not belong to this State.

Under these circumstances I beg to state that the State is not liable to make good the loss.

If you are of opinion that the State is liable to make good the loss, the circumstances stated,

having been insufficient to exonerate the liability, I beg to state that the owner of the parcel must be asked to prove that the parcel contained those saries and that they were valued at Rs 42 & 12 annas, as stated by him before the chief Constable Gadag. He has stated before the said chief Constable that he has not shown the saries to the Post-master Gadag but that he simply told him that the parcel contained saries. If he is not asked to prove to that effect, it would not be just to make the State liable to pay the sum, which the owner might have mentioned at his pleasure.

Your sincere friend

Abdul Zuleikha Khan

Nawab Sahib, Sawanur.

Dhárwár.
Mail-Robbery in Savanúr.

No. 6414.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 24th September 1888.

Letter from the Acting Collector and Political Agent, Dhárwár, No. 3405, dated 16th August 1888—Forwarding, with reference to paragraph 2 of Government Resolution No. 4631, dated 9th July 1888, copy of a communication received from the Nawab of Savanúr, who details the enquiry held by him in connection with the mail robbery which occurred in May last within the limits of his State. Making remarks, and expressing his opinion that the Nawab should not at present be called upon to make good the loss of Rs. 44-6-0 to the Postal Department. Adding that, should subsequent enquiry show that the robbery was undoubtedly committed by Savanúr subjects, the responsibility of the State might be enforced.

Endorsement by the Commissioner, S. D., No. POL.-215, dated 31st August 1888—Forwarding the above, with concurrence in the Political Agent's opinion.

RESOLUTION.—Government concur with the Political Agent.

W. LEE-WARNER,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector and Political Agent, Dhárwár,
The Post Master General, Bombay,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat.

No 3936 of 1888

29th September 1888

Copy forwarded to the Nawabsaheb of Savanur for information with reference to the correspondence on the subject.

J. W. Shum

as Collector and Pol. agent

Dharwar

No. 142 of 1891-92.

From,

The Dewan of Savanur

To,

The Collector and Political Agent-

Dharwar

Savanur, 11th Nov 1891

Sir,

I have the honor to report the sad account of the occurrence of the mail-robbery within the limits of Savanur on 11th November 1891. at about 1 A.M.

The mail despatched from the Savanur post office at 12 40 A.M. was attacked by robbers between Savanur and Nerale a village in Bankapur Taluka. The scene of attack was near the valley in Savanur field survey No. 108 which is about 2 miles from Savanur. The runner Rayappa bin Durgappa who was grievously hurt came back to the Savanur.

post office without the mail at about 2.15 p.m.

I was apprized of the occurrence of the mail-robbery the very moment. Immediately after, I personally went to the place of offence with the police and caused the missing mail wallet to be searched. Early this morning the mail wallet containing 9 mail bags was fortunately found between the savanur fields survey nos 189/120. The Post-master savanur says that no article is missing. The mail bags which had been packed up and sealed, were as they had been before (according to the statement of the Post master savanur). Only the wallet had been untied by robbers. The police are attempting to detect the offenders.

The mail route from savanur to Bankapur passes through Manur & Nandihalli in Savanur. The runner without going by this road went by the old path above described, the latter being

at a distance of one mile from the premises

For the protection of the mail routes passing through Savanur, the state has established a police gate between Yalvigi and Savanur, and arrangements have been made by it that a village servant of Inamur & Kandikalli shall every day guard the mail road from Savanur to Bankapur as far as the limits of the state. The robbery would have hardly taken place had the runner gone by the mail route. The tracks of the robbers are traced towards Inamur and Gaki's Kandikalli in Bankapur Taluka. From this it appears that the robbers belong to the Bankapur Taluka.

In his deposition the runner states that he went by the old path because there was moonlight when he started from Savanur that when he went near the place of offence two men came at once from the valley and

attacked him and that he did not recognize them as it was dark by that time.

The runner was sent to the Hanveri dispensary for medical treatment at the expense of the state.

A full enquiry is being made into the matter and the result will be communicated to you shortly.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) [redacted]

Diwan of Savanur

Submitted through the Nawabsahib Savanur

(Signed) [redacted]

Diwan of Savanur

No. 11 of 1891-92.

Savanur 11th November 1891.

Forwarded to the Collector and Political Agent Dharwar with compliments.

Nawabsahib Savanur.

Mr. Smith

No. 7373 of 1891.

Dharwar Collector's office

Camp Dhundshi 24th December 1891.

The undersigned presents Compliments to the Naval of Savanur & requests an early reply to this office letter No. 6909 of 30th ultimo on the subject of the mail robbery within the limits of the Savanur State. The report should furnish information regarding the robbers, the place from which they came, the place or places visited by them before & after the commission of the robbery, the weapons, if any, carried by them, the nature of the injuries received by the postal runner, the number of days he was under

treatment.

treatment & if he be still under treatment the progress made by him towards recovery from his injuries &c.

2. The Nawab is also requested to state what arrangements have been made by him for the secure passage through his State of the Government Mail & parcel post

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No 6909 of 1891.

From.

A. W. Crawley Boevey Esquire,
Collector and Political
Agent, Dharwar.

To

The Nawab of Savanur.

Camp Gadag 30th December 1891.

Sir

I am informed that on the 11th Instant the mail despatched from the Savanur Post Office at 12-40 A.M was attacked by robbers within the limits of the native state of Savanur. The Superintendent of Post Offices Kanara Division informs me that the robbers had

had broken the seals of the Mail bags but that their contents were safe as there was nothing valuable in them for their use. The Mail bags were traced and recovered by the officials of the Savanur State, and made over to the Branch Post Master there.

2. I request that you will make full enquiries into the subject and make a detailed report to me of the result of your enquiry.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

Collector & Political Agent
Dharwar

Report of Mail Bags stolen

No 20 of 1891-92.

From,

The Nawab of Savanur.

To.

The Collector and Political
Agent Dharwar.

Savanur 31st of December
1891.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to return to this office, the vernacular report No 49 (Huzur Police Jawak) of my Diwan to your adress under my endorsement No 150 of 26th December 1891, together with its accompaniments so that I may be able to submit the report called for in your No 7373 of 1891.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most sincere friend

Nawab of Savanur

No 22 of 1891-92

From,

The Nawab of Savanur.

To,

The Collector and Political
Agent Dharwar.

Savanur 10th of January 1892

Sir

I have the honor to report on the points referred to in your No 7373 of 1891.

The mail route from Savanur to Bankapur passes through Leggihalli Mapsur and Kandihalli On 10th November 1891 the runner Rajappa without going by this road went by the old path lying through Nellur a village in Bankapur Taluka. In his deposition, the runner has stated as follows.

"while I was passing along the the path, a man whom I first took for a devil, came at once

from the valley in Savanur field Survey No. 108 and another man followed him. They both first began beating me from behind with rods they had with them. When I turned back they began to beat me upon the head. In consequence I fell insensible upon the spot and could not ~~know~~ therefore know with what weapons they caused injuries upon my head."

From this it appears that there were no more than two robbers.

The place or places visited by them before or after the commission of the robbery are not known but their tracks were traced towards Inamur and Fakir-kandikalli in Bankapur. Upon the place of offence were found pieces of a branch of a tree called (तरेडि). The trees of this kind are only seen in the jungles of Allipur, Kavalagikop,

yelivigi, and in the vicinity of Mahur and Hakir-Kandikalli in Bankapur Taluka. From this it seems that the robbers belong to any one or more of these villages.

Upon examination the hospital assistant at Haveri has found that the runner had 8 cut wounds on the top of the head, four on the right ear and one on the back of the same ear and that he had also fracture of the inner bone of the left forearm and a severe buise over the right side of the back with a fracture of a rib. He is of openion that the wounds have been caused with a sharp instrument and the fracture of the bones with the buises, with blunt weapons.

The runner was admitted into the Haveri Hospital on 11th November

1891 and was discharged on 31st December 1891, fully recovered from his injuries. The expenses incurred by the State in the treatment of the runner amounts to Rs 17-1-3.

The State has established two posts within its territory for the secure passage of the Government mail and parcel post; one between yelivigi and Savanur and the other between Savanur and Bankapur. The mail route within the limits of the State is only about 6 miles. The duties entrusted to the police of these stations are regularly being performed by them.

The police of this State together with the police of the Bankapur Taluka did their best and are still doing the same to detect the offenders and to bring them to justice. Their attempt has proved fruitless firstly because the carrier

of the maid when attacked at night was alone, 2ndly because he did not recognize the robbers as it was then quite dark and thirdly and lastly because nothing has been taken away by robbers to enable the police to detect them.

The vernacular papers in connection with the enquiries into the matter are sent herewith.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most sincere friend

Nawab of Savanur

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Haveri Dispensary 31st Dec 1891.

This is to certify that Kuyasia Bin Doregasia

Postal Runner of Bankapur was admitted
into this Hospital on the 11th November 1891

and discharged this day.

No. ~~of~~ 1040/1891

Hospital Assistant
~~Surgeon.~~
In Med. Ch. Haveri
Dispensary

31/12/91

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No. 1 of 1891-92.

From,

The Diwan of Savanur.

To,

The Collector and Political Agent

Dharwar

Savanur 12th January 1892.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, after consideration, a full report in the matter of the hurt caused to the postal runner on the old way to Bankapur, the Vernacular papers in connection with which have already been submitted.

The mail-route from Savanur to Bankapur which passes through Teggihalli in Bankapur and Inamur & Nandihalli in Savanur is well protected by the state as far as its limits.

On the night of the 10th November 1891 the mail despatched from Savanur to Bankapur was carried

by one Nayappa son Durgappa a postal runner residing at Baikapur. That night there was moonlight upto 1 A.M. There is an old rough way to Baikapur which is shorter than the mail-route by a mile or two and is dangerous. The runner has got his house at Baikapur. In order to reach his house soon he went by the by-path leaving out the mail route which is well protected. At 1 A.M two persons caught hold of him within the limits of Savanur & having beat him with ~~bam~~ sticks & other weapons knocked him down and went away. Consequent upon the injuries received he fell insensible upon the spot. After coming to his senses, he came back to the Savanur post Office & informed the post-master of what had happened. Immediately after I was informed of the occurrence I then went with police and Savars to the Scene of attack & found two sticks

lying there belonging to the runner. We there then divided into three parties & went in search of the offenders and the missing wallet. The offenders were not found as it was then quite dark & there were jwari crops standing about. At a short distance from the place of offence the mail wallet was found untied but the mail bags therein were safe.

The state police together with the police of the Bankapur Taluka tried their utmost to detect the offenders but I am sorry to state that they were not found out.

The runner Raya who had been sent to the Haveri hospital for medical treatment, has recovered from his injuries. The offence would hardly have been committed if the runner had gone by the protected mail road.

In the course of consideration of the question whether the offence was committed with a view to rob the mail or with the intention of causing hurt to the runner, I find from the circumstances of the case that it was committed with intent to cause hurt to the runner & to annoy him. If the offenders had in view merely to rob the mail, they would at once have caught hold of the mail wallet and tried to extract it from the runner & would have caused hurt to him if any resistance had been offered by him but such has not been the case. The seals of the mail bags had not been broken. This would not have happened if their intention had been to rob the mail but they would have broken the seals of the bags and searched in them for valuables such as currency Notes. It seems that their intention in moving the wallet to a short distance was not to take it away dishonestly but only to annoy the runner.

Under these circumstances I think it more reasonable to say that the offence was committed not with the intention of robbing the mail, but with the intention of causing hurt to the runner.

The runner says that he has no enemies. But he has got two wives of whom he has abandoned one. The persons on the side of the abandoned wife might, I think, have committed this. It seems that the runner denies the existence of enemies being afraid that he might not be reemployed in the government service if the fact of the existence of enemies comes to the knowledge of his superiors.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
D Forsyth Esqr
Diwan of Savanur.

Submitted through the Sawab of Savanur.

No. 2 of 1891-92.

From,

The Diwan of Savanur

To,

The Collector and Political Agent

Dharwar.

Savanur Diwan's Office,

25th of January 1892.

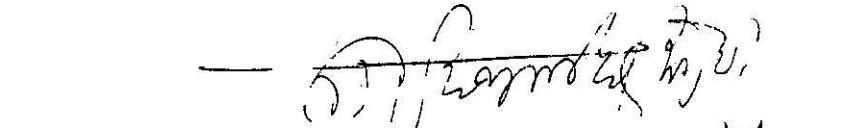
Sir,

In continuation of this office No. of 12th January 1892, I have the honor to inform your honor that from reliable sources I understand that the runner who was previously hurt on the old way to Bankapur has been reemployed by the Postal department, on his former pay, in carrying parcel post to & from Bommanhalli & Belwatti in Hangal Taluka.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Jour mort. obeissant. serviteur;



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Early.

No. 229/8 of 1892.

To

The Nawab of Savanur.

Sir,

Dharwar 7th April/92

Having received further communication from Government on the subject marginally noted, I have the honour to intimate that Government are not satisfied with the report submitted by you & therefore to request that you will send your Divan to me in order that I may personally explain to him how the matter stands & issue orders to be communicated by you.

Savanur — Mail Robbery.

I have the honor to be,
Your most obedt servant.

Collector & Pol. Agent.

Reed
11/4/92

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No: 2580 of 1892:-

From,

A. W. Crawley Boevey Esq:
Collector of Dharwar.

To,

The Sawanur [illegible]

Dharwar 22nd April 1893.

Sir,

I have explained personally to your Divan the views expressed by Government regarding the alleged mail Robbery which occurred near Savanur in the month of November last.

Mail Robbery

2:- Whatever be the real nature of the occurrence it is clearly most unsatisfactory that you have been wholly unable so far either to trace or to punish the mail runners' assailants, or that public servants carrying the mails should be assaulted and beaten within 2 miles of Savanur without any clue being obtained is a fact which is not calculated to re

reflect credit on your administration, and I am desired to intimate that you are expected to compensate the mail runner viz. the sum of Rs 50, for the injuries which he undoubtedly received. This amount should be at once paid into my Treasury at Dharwar.

3:- I understand from your Diwan that an important clue has now been obtained & I have impressed on him the

important

importance of sparing no
effort to follow it up and
to bring the assailants to
justice. If they can be brought
to justice and finished this
incident will be more satis-
factorily settled than in any
other way.

4:- I have requested the
Superintendent of Police to
co-operate with you in
every way and to make
all necessary enquiries at
Bankahar

Bankapur

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt servant,

Collector & Political Agent

Dharwar.

Early

No. 3250 of 1892

From,

A. W. Crawley Boevey Esqr.

Collector & Politicl
Agent, Dharwar.

To

The Nawab of Savanur.

Dharwar 20th May 1892.

Sir,

Referring to this Office No. 2580 of 22nd April 1892 on the Savanur Mail Robbery, I have the honor to enquire whether you have paid into my treasury at Dharwar the amount of ~~Rs~~ 50 to be paid as compensation to the Mail-runner for the injuries he received. If so, you will be good enough to report it to me & if not, to credit the amount at once as already desired

desired, reporting your having done so to me for communication to Govern-ment. I shall be glad at the same time to know what has been done in the case of robbery and to impress upon you the importance of sparing no effort to follow the clue already obtained and to bring the offenders to justice.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

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Collector & Political
Agent, Dharwar.

Recd
22/5/92.

No. 35 of 1891-92

From,

The Nawab of Savanur

To,

The Collector and Political Agent
Dharwar.

Savanur 23rd of May 1892.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 2580 and reminder No. 3250 of 1892, I have the honour to inform you that I have this day caused to be remitted through my Dewan to the Huzoor Deputy Collector Dharwar the amount of rupees 500 for its being credited into your treasury on account of compensation to the mail-runner for the injuries he received.

I further beg to request that the same

be not paid to the runner until the enquiries regarding the occurrence are completed which has been the cause much regret to me, are completed because he has given no assistance in the matter and has carried the mail on that day by the old way leaving out the protected mail-road although previously warned not to do so.

Enquiries into the matter are being made and when completed, the result will be reported to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most sincere friend,

— Nawab of Savanur.

Recd
30/5/92.

No 3436 of 1892.

Dharwar Collector's Office

Dharwar 28th May 1892

Memo:-

Savanur Mail Robbery.

In acknowledging receipt of letter No. 35 of 23rd Instant from the Nawab of Savanur, the Collector and Political Agent presents compliments and has the honour to state that the report promised is urgently awaited, as it has long been overdue.

Collector and Political Agent, Dharwar.

To, The Nawab of Savanur

No. 1 of 1891-92

From,

The Dewan of Savanur.

To,

Meherban Rawabsahib Subedar
Bahadur Savanur State,

Savanur, 11th June 1892.

Sir,

I have the honor to humbly submit a report, as to the result of the enquiries made in connection with the hurt caused to the postal runner Raya Virbasappa, in compliance with your order No. 24 of 18th May 1892.

Raya Virbasappa a postal Runner was hurt on 10th November 1891 while carrying the mail from Savanur to Bankapur.

The statements of Rs. 172 made by him before me and the 2nd class Magistrate of this State appear

Had the offenders been silent upon plundering the mail, they would at least at first demanded the wallet of the runner and if he had declined to comply with it - their demand they would have ~~attacked~~ then caused injuries to him to take away the wallet from him by force. The depositions of the runner clearly point out that such has not been the case. Hence it is evident that their intention had been only to cause hurt to him.

At the time of committing the crime, the offenders ~~did not speak to him~~ have not uttered even a word. If they had not been ~~acquainted with him~~ his acquaintances they would have unmoulded by exchanged words with him. Whereas they desisted from speaking, it is plain that their act is the result of ~~that~~ his personal enmity.

The complainant says that he has no enemies. The postal authorities, do not, as a rule, release those

that are at enmity with others, in Kennie.

As the runner has denied the postal depart-
ment for a length of time, he may, no doubt
be conversant with the rule. He does not
therefore disclose the facts which he knows.

The offence having been committed at
night, the runner's refraining from rendering
us even the least assistance has been a stumbling
block on the way of our tracing offenders.

As soon as I was informed of the occurrence
I went to the post office to see him. The runner
was asking for water. I
directed a Musalman peon of mine to get some
water with his mouth of the runner. Raya Then
requested me to cause Heidows to furnish
water. accordingly I myself gave him water.
and kept a Heidow expressly to take care of him.
Immediately after I proceeded to the scene of
offence in search of the missing valuables of the
offenders. Although he had been at Savanur from
24th to 10 AM, he did not inform
state that his relations lived at Savanur.

The complainant's paternal uncle's daughter Bhanumavva Bungaura lives at Savanur. Her daughter has been married to him. Being present in Savanur although aware of the Raya having been hurt, they did not come even to see him.

Whereas Raya did not remember his mother-in-law & his wife on the such a dangerous occasion and they too did not come to see him, it is plain that ill-feeling must exist between them

Raya has abandoned the said Bhanumavva for the last many years past. and does not maintain her. If he is asked why he does not divorce his wife Bhanumavva, he says "it is not proper for a man to divorce his wife. From this you will be convinced that Raya is a very obstinate man.

Raya's mother-in-law Bhanumavva Bungaura's statement is enclosed. She stated that Raya's second wife & her sister who live at Banakapur are women of disreputable character.

and that the offence might have been committed by the persons on their behalf

Raja is on friendly terms with his Second wife and has children from her. While he was labouring under the injuries received, he was taken care of by his second wife's people.

It would therefore be unreasonable to conclude that the act was committed by those who were on good terms with him.

Thomas Bharmawa & Sungawa's very conduct throughout implies that they feel hatred towards Raja and that they may be the originators of the crime.

To hurt others without any cause is, no doubt, an act of those who are grossly ill-minded.

The witness Cocho states that while he was returning to Sunnam from the Bank keeper Market about 11 morning & saw Ryandamawa were sitting under the shade of Trees

Abdulla & Oriya being princes ~~and they are both~~ both

of them are of notoriously bad character, and they

were absent from Cawnpore during the occurrence.

Abdulla's ~~house~~ some days ago used to live in a

house close to that of Oriya's mother in Cawnpore.

Note The witnesses on pages 5-6 state that Abdulla

~~had~~ shot shots now & then near the ~~house~~ of bungalow

~~In this connection~~

It has come to my knowledge that it is Abdulla

& Oriya that have caused ~~have~~ caused burn to Oriya

at the persuasion of bungalow & Sharma

but there is no evidence sufficient to convict them.

~~Proceeding is expedient~~ to prevent to take

With a view that safety steps ~~to~~ the public peace be not endangered by those

who commit such an offences at the instigation of

others. steps have been taken for both of them as follows:

As on proof of being an habitual thief, Oriya

~~was~~ was ordered to furnish security for good behaviour.

~~as he has failed to pay~~ and has been imprisoned

~~in default of security~~. as he failed to furnish security.

upon the report made by the police Abdulla is arrested & asked to show cause why he should not be ordered to furnish security to keep the public peace for one year. The case will be decided according to law

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Bureau of Savanur

No. 37 of 1891-92.

From

The Nawab of Savanur

To

The Collector and Political Agent, Dharwar.

Dharwar 16th June 1892

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3436 of 28th May 1892, I have the honor to enclose herewith my Dewan's letter No 7 of 11th June 1892, which will give you a full information of the enquiry about the attack upon the mail runner.

I further beg to state that as stated in the Dewan's letter, in the last para, the badmash Abdulla has been sentenced to one years rigorous imprisonment, for his having failed to furnish security for good behaviour. A Kanarese report No 19 of 14th June 1892 has

been made to me about this by
the Dewan.

I have the honor to be

Your Sincere friend

Nawab of Sa[illegible]

28/12/19

M. & S.

S. M. Railway Licensed Telegraphs—Public Message Form.

Class.	Here write whether *urgent, ordinary* or *deferred* and if *state* or *private*. AT		Local No. Mil
Words.	Time tendered for transmission Railway Time. Date.	Hour.	Minute.
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Official Instructions.

Dbd

To (Station.) Yuliva Sm	From (Station) Honawar
To (Person.) Dewan of Savanur	From (Name.) Supdt Post Branch
Post Yaliva	
Proceed	mail
attacked	by
Robbers	near
Savanur	please
enquire	and
report	result
13	14
15	16
17	18
19	20
21	22
23	24

Sent to Sigr. at Office.	Recd. from Sigr. at Office.
At Hrs. Mts. on the	At Hrs. Mts. on the
By Sigr. at Office.	By Sigr. at Office.

Office.....

Date.....

Signature of Sender.
Sgr. in Charge.....

Inwards
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No 28 of 1878.

13th February 1878.

In reply to the above I have the honour to inform you that the accd Rama bin Lakshman Chavan in the mail bag theft case was convicted & sentenced to undergo 8 months rigorous imprisonment under sec 379 of the I.P.C..

A Copy of the judgment has been furnished to our Reg. Post Master for your inspection.

I have &c.

Asst Supt

Post Masters

Satara

assistance needed

for Political Agent, Dharwar

17.4.99

No 92 of 1899

dated 1899.

To The Collector & Pol: Agent Dwk

Sir,

Referring to the above I have honour to report that owing to the non-receipt of my post at the usual time on the morning of the 13th instant I naturally enquired about the delay & came to know

reported to ~~[illegible]~~ the Asst
Pol: Agent in my cir no C.B.M. Do. dated
4
the 13th Instt.

2 I shall most willing render
every assistance in my power to the Dist
Supdt of Police Dharwar should he happen
to come here in connection therewith.

I have &c.

Telegram, dated I3 th April I899.

To Alnawar,
The District Magistrate.

From, Dharwar.
The Superintendent,
of Post Offices.

Mails from Shirsi side plundered between Savanur and Yelvigi last night. Kindly enquire.

No 1838 Dharwar.
15 April I899.

Copy forwarded to the Divan of Savanur for enquiry and Report with reference to G. R. No. 5245 dated 27 th August/85 communicated to him under this office no. 3530 dated II th September I885, to be submitted through the Assistant Political Agent.

2. The District Superindent of Police, Dharwar, has also been asked to make enquiry and the Divan should render him any

[illegible] the runner [illegible] who carried the mail from Savanur to Yalavigi the preceding night was beaten & the contents of the bag were made away with by robbers. Immediately I went to the scene of the [illegible] accompanied by the Savanur Ch: Constable & found that the robbery too reported to was committed within the limits of the un-inhabitted village Alipur of Bankapur taluka. [illegible] about two hours after our arrival there the Officer in Ch: of Kalas Police Station came there & commenced the work of investigation & consequently we returned. These facts I have already been

Post

No 108 of 1900

7th March 1900

To

The Collector & Pol. Magt.

Dharwar

Sir,

Referring to G. R. no 8699 d. 22nd Decr 1899 Pol. D. asott Pol agents &c. I have rec'd under yr Endt no 57 of 29th January I have the honour to report as follows in connection with the mail robbery therein mentioned.

2 On the night of 28th nover 1899 the Postal runner by name Bhima bin Basappa left Bankapur with the Mail bag at about 7 from his statement recorded by the 3rd Class Savanur it seems that after coming about a mile from Seggihalli towards Savanur he perceived that some body was following him & on seeing back he saw some 4 or 5 persons were coming towards & that they

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a stone towards him ~~struck~~
from a distance of about
30 or 35 feet, which struck him
on his left calf below the knee;
then they (three) threw a stick which
did not strike him & then they threw
another stone which struck him
near his right ear & caused a
tumour, they also threw 3 or 4 stones
but none of them struck him.
In spite of this he was running
with the mail bag & when he came
to a place at a small distance
from the Savanur limits the
mail bag tied up to the stick
fell down & on seeing that the
robbers were quite near him he
left the bag where it fell down
& began to run towards Savanur
& after coming about a furlong
or two he met Narsappa Savanur
appointed to escort the mail to
Savanur, whom he informed of
what had occurred & then both
of them came to Savanur &
gave information to Mich: Cond:
Savanur. The said officer went
along with them but ~~was unable~~
~~to find~~ did not find the bag
at the place mentioned above.

but the next morning the bag was found by the Patil, Salwar & Nhavi of Seggihalli near a boundary mark of Kiwan survey no 141 of Savanur situated at a distance of about a furlong from the place where it fell down & whence the ~~thief~~ postal runner Bhima ran away towards Savanur leaving the bag to take care of itself.

3 ~~From the~~ The Patil of Seggihalli Sal. Banka murthi admitted in his statement made by him before the 3rd class Magt of Savanur ~~on the 29~~ 4th November 1895 ~~that~~ the place where the bag fell down & whence probably it was removed by the robbers to the Savanur Kiwan Survey no 141, is situated in or near Survey no 4 of ~~the~~ Seggihalli & not in Savanur limits I must also mention here that these two statements having been recorded by a Magistrate 1st

on the morning of 29th November/99
the next after the night on
which the offence was committed
is more reliable than any other
statements of the same persons
recorded some days after
days the commission of the offence.
If any such statements have
been recorded at all
either by the Police or Bankapur
Jail or by the Postal Deptt they seem
to have been taken down evidently
with the intention of making the
State liable for the payment of
the amount of Rs 100 lost

4 I also feel much suspicion
with regard to the runner Bhimia
for the reasons:—

The runner says that the
two stones which struck him
were thrown from a distance
of about 30 or 35. ~~He has three~~
But ~~from~~ the wounds seemed to be
~~from~~ mere scratches. Had the
stones really struck him from
such a short distance as
mentioned above the man
should certainly have never
been able to move from the place

& this view is shared in by the medical officer Savanur who has given a certificate to that effect after examining the runner.

2 The village of Jeggehalli having been evacuated owing to Magic the villagers ~~have~~ were, at the time when the ~~alleged~~ robbery is alleged to have been committed, living in huts close by the road, & if the runner was really attacked by robbers as alleged he would certainly have got the assistance of the villagers & by mere raising ~~a hue &~~ cry for help, because ~~the alarm~~ it was only between 7 & 8 P.M. & at that the villagers must have been up & also because their huts were in fact very near, the place of the alleged offence being only at a distance of about ½ furlong at the utmost.

~~On~~ out of the contents of the mail bag tampered

out the bag containing the cash has been missing & all the remaining articles i.e. letters &c have been found without being damaged.

For these reason I strong suspect the runner to be the offender & no body else & Mr. Cox Dist Police Supt Shahpur also expressed the same opinion in his ex. endorsement no 1082 d/23-12-99 hereunto sent. All these circumstances have been fully reported in the veh report to 28, 24-11-99 & no 9 1-12-99 hereunto submitted & to which the two statements recorded by the 3rd class magistrate & the Savanur medical officers certificate have been attached

I my yad no D. Dis. Sav d. 2nd February 15 addrd to the Chief Constable Savanur & his rept no 758 of 17th idem reporting the result of his investigation are also herewith enclosed for perusal.

I have &c

Dy Dist Savanur

No 1786-10-3-1900

Returned for submission through the Assistant Political Agent.

(sd) K. B. Inamdar
Pol Agent.

No 116 of 1900.
12th March 1900.

Submitted thro: The A. P. Agent.

[Gen. 35. e.

No. 86 OF 189 .

DEPARTMENT.

Collector's Office,
7th February 189 (1900

MEMORANDUM.

No 58 of 29th January 1900 about enquiries in the case of mail robbery within the state limits	Requests an early reply to this Office reference noted in the margin.

To

THE Diwan of Travancore

Collector.

A. P. Agent

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[O1089—50,000-12-98]

Urgent

No: 62 of 1900.

8 February 1900.

for immediate report.

Forwarded to the chief constable savanur with reference to this office Vernacular No

Dewan of Savanur.

[illegible]

The report was this day sent. This may be returned

7.3.1900

Dewan of Savanur

[Gen. 35. *e*.

No. 1127 of ~~189~~ 1900

Revenue Department.

Dharwar Collector's Office,

14 February 1900 ~~189~~.

MEMORANDUM.

This Office No 460 of 18-1-1900

Mail robbery within the Savanur State limits

Requests an early reply to this Office reference noted in the margin.

R Ramachandra

Hd Clerk

for Collector.

To

The Assistant Political Agent

Savanur.

[O 1883—40,000-3-98]

No 125 of 1900

To

A/Cs to the Diwan
of Savanur for early report with
reference to this office No 57 of 29-1 1900

Camp Kulgholgi
29-2-1900

21.2.900

A P. Agent